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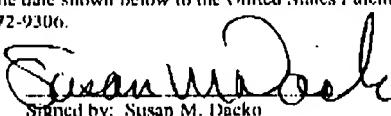
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Dear Sir:

In the Examiner's Answer mailed October 4, 2004, the Examiner eliminated all issues in this case with the exception of issue 4, the anticipation of claims 85-92. In a contemporaneously filed Amendment, applicants have now canceled these claims from the case. There are, therefore, no remaining issues in this application. The Examiner has indicated that she will delete the word "preferably" from each occurrence in the claims. Accordingly, the application may now pass to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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